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Amendments

In the Claims:

Please substitute the following claim 1 for the pending claim 1:

1. A multi-wheel-driving vehicle, comprising:

three or more axles arranged in parallel along a longitudinal axis of said vehicle, each of said axles provided on both ends thereof with respective drive wheels, wherein one of said three or more axles is a steering axle provided with steerable drive wheels;

first and second transmission members, wherein said steering axle synchronously interlocks with said second transmission member, and wherein at least one of the other axles synchronously interlocks with said first transmission member;

power dividing means interposed between said first and second transmission members, wherein power is transmitted through said power dividing means between said first and second transmission members while said power dividing means permits a difference of rotary speed between said first and second transmission members; and

a prime mover disposed between two of said three or more axles, wherein neither of said two axles is the steering axle.

Please substitute the following claim 4 for the pending claim 4:

AA 4. The multi-wheel-driving vehicle as set forth in claim 1, wherein said steering axle is a frontmost axle of said three or more axles.

Please substitute the following claim 11 for the pending claim 11:

11. ~~A multi-wheel-driving vehicle, comprising:~~

three or more axles arranged in parallel along a longitudinal axis of said vehicle, each of said axles provided on both ends thereof with respective drive wheels, wherein one of said three or more axles is a steering axle provided with steerable drive wheels;

CS ~~power dividing means including an input member and a pair of output members, said power dividing means differentially sharing power transmitted into said input member between said pair of output members, wherein each of said input member and said pair of output members synchronously interlocks with at least one of said three or more axles; and~~

~~a prime mover disposed between two of said three or more axles, wherein neither of said two axles is the steering axle.~~

Please substitute the following claim 15 for the pending claim 15:

Alt 15. The multi-wheel-driving vehicle as set forth in claim 14, wherein said axles are three in total, and wherein the two axles other than said steering axle respectively synchronously interlock with said input member and said pair of output members.

Please substitute the following claim 23 for the pending claim 23:

AS ~~23. A multi-wheel-driving vehicle, comprising:~~

~~three or more axles arranged in parallel along a longitudinal axis of said vehicle,~~
each of said axles provided on both ends thereof with respective drive wheels, wherein
one of said three or more axles is a steering axle provided with steerable drive wheels;

~~power dividing means including an input member and a pair of output members,~~
said power dividing means differentially sharing power transmitted into said input
member between said pair of output members, wherein each of said three or more axles
synchronously interlocks with either of said output members so that each of said output
members synchronously interlocks with at least one of said axles; and

~~a prime mover disposed between two of said three or more axles, wherein neither~~
~~of said two axles is the steering axle.~~

Please substitute the following claim 32 for the pending claim 32:

~~32. A multi-wheel-driving vehicle, comprising:~~

~~a prime mover;~~

~~three or more transaxle devices disposed in tandem along a longitudinal axis of~~
~~said vehicle, wherein each of said transaxle devices includes input means and an axle~~
~~serving as output means, said axle being provided on both ends thereof with respective~~
~~drive wheels, wherein one of said three or more transaxle devices is a main transaxle~~
~~device whose input means receives power from said prime mover prior to the other~~
~~transaxle devices, and wherein one of said three or more transaxle devices is a steering~~
~~transaxle device whose axle is provided with steerable drive wheels;~~

~~first and second transmission members, wherein power of said prime mover is~~
~~taken out from said main transaxle device to said first transmission member, and wherein~~

~~said second transmission member synchronously interlocks with at least one of said input means of all the other transaxle devices other than said main transaxle device;~~

~~power dividing means interposed between said pair of transmission members, wherein said power is transmitted through said power dividing means from said first transmission member to said second transmission member while said power dividing means permits a difference of rotary speed between said first and second transmission members; and~~

~~wherein said prime mover is disposed between two of said three or more axles, and neither of said two axles is the steering axle.~~

Please substitute the following claim 34 for the pending claim 34:

~~34. The multi-wheel-driving vehicle as set forth in claim 32, wherein said steering transaxle device is a frontmost transaxle device of said three or more transaxle devices.~~

Please substitute the following claim 36 for the pending claim 36:

~~36. The multi-wheel-driving vehicle as set forth in claim 32, wherein said steering transaxle device is other than said main transaxle device so that an input means of said steering transaxle device synchronously interlocks with said second transmission member.~~

Please substitute the following claim 45 for the pending claim 45:

~~45. A multi-wheel-driving vehicle, comprising:~~

~~a prime mover;~~

three or more transaxle devices disposed in tandem along a longitudinal axis of said vehicle, wherein each of said transaxle devices includes input means and an axle serving as output means, said axle being provided on both ends thereof with respective drive wheels, wherein one of said three or more transaxle devices is a main transaxle device whose input means receives power from said prime mover prior to the other transaxle devices, and wherein one of said three or more transaxle devices is a steering transaxle device whose axle is provided with steerable drive wheels;

power dividing means including an input member and a pair of output members, said power dividing means differentially sharing power transmitted into said input member between said pair of output members, wherein each of said input member and said pair of output members synchronously interlocks with at least one of said axle of said main transaxle device and said input means of the other transaxle devices other than said main transaxle device; and

wherein said prime mover is disposed between two of said three or more axles,
neither of said two axles is the steering axle.

Please substitute the following claim 47 for the pending claim 47:

47. The multi-wheel-driving vehicle as set forth in claim 45, wherein said steering transaxle device is a frontmost transaxle device of said three or more transaxle devices.

Please add the following new claim 58: